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Sellers-Cockey Farm

Batts Neck, Kent Island

Private

early 19th century
1930s

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Matthew's Enlargement, Sellers Farm, Cockey Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Sellers-Cockey Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side Batts Neck Road

CITY, TOWN

Normans

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William and Claire L. Siegele

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Stevensville

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21666

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: MWM 153

Folio #: 794

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Sellers-Cockey Farm is located on the north side of Batts Neck Road on Kent Island, approximately 1 1/2 miles east of the crossroads community of Normans. The farm has been broken up into several parcels, leaving a 15 acre tract that includes the main house and farm buildings.

The early house that stood on this site burned in the 1930's and was replaced with a 1 1/2 story frame dwelling constructed on the old foundations. This foundation and a post-and-plank meat house are the only surviving structures from the early farmstead. The remaining farm buildings date to the late 19th and 20th century.

The frame house as it was rebuilt is 1 1/2 stories high, five bays wide and two rooms deep. The early foundation is brick, laid in three-course bond. It forms a full cellar under the house and has been raised several courses and has had minor alterations and repairs. A triangular chimney base with arched recesses survives on the west gable wall.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

Meat House

To the north of the house, adjacent to a late 19th century granary, is a post-and-plank meat house. This building is ten feet square and is oriented on an east-west axis, with a single batten door centered on the south facade wall. It is constructed of hewn and machine-sawn log planks mortised into hewn vertical posts and secured with pegs driven in from the outside face of the wall. Intermediate posts are pegged to the interior face of each wall to provide additional strength. The roof is constructed of common rafter pairs secured at the ridge with a pegged mortise-and-tenon joint and supported by flat false plates resting on hewn joists. Light collar beams are lapped and nailed to the rafter pairs with wrought nails. The exterior of the building is covered with vertical board siding secured with machine nails. The eaves are boxed in; the roof is covered with wood shingles and tin.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Addenda: The post-and-plank meat house collapsed in the spring of 1983 and was subsequently demolished. ORV 10/83.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

4/16/82

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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Sellers - Cockey Farm

Mary McCarthy
Spring/Summer 2003
Digital color photo on file at MHT





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Early House Foundation
Batt's Neck, Kent Island
Orlando Ridout V 1980
Southeast facade



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Log post-and-plank meat
house

Batt's Neck, Kent Island

Orlando Ridout V 1980

View from south